



Division of State Parks

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REFERENCES: NRS 484.407 & 484.408

PURPOSE: To provide guidelines for the use of facilities designed for people with disabilities. Such facilities include parking spaces, picnic sites, campsites and restrooms where developed to provide a fair opportunity for both disabled and non-disabled users, while meeting requirements for the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

While parking spaces are designed and set aside for use by people with disabilities by statute, other disabled accessible facilities are managed on a "last to fill" basis. These facilities include restrooms, camping and picnic sites and special seating areas in amphitheaters or presentation areas. These facilities are open to the general public, if they are not used by a disabled visitor, but are to be reserved under a "last to fill" basis. The agency provides these facilities for access by those with disabilities and encourages non-disabled visitors to use alternative facilities if they exist. Compliance may be gained by signing, personal contacts, and if needed, temporary physical barricading of sites during specific times. Validation of handicapped authenticity can be by license plate or hanging placard if parking is associated with the site, but in many cases field staff will have to use their own discretion in directing the use of other facilities designed for persons with disabilities. No law enforcement actions should be initiated for "last to fill facilities," but rather the emphasis should be placed on voluntary compliance.

ORGANIZATION: The division will provide procedures for the public use of designated facilities.

PRIOR POLICY: This policy supersedes the prior policy dated 3/1/99.

PROCEDURES

- I. Designated handicapped parking spaces.
 - A. NRS 484.407 and 484.408 speaks specifically to handicapped parking. These statutes require that any parking space designated, as such, be signed with the international symbol of access with or without the words "Parking," "Handicapped Parking," "Handicapped Parking Only," or "Reserved for the Handicapped" and "Minimum fine of \$250 for use by others" or equivalent words.
 - B. NRS also state that no person may park a vehicle in a space designated for the handicapped unless he or she is eligible to do so and the vehicle displays a special license plate or a special or temporary parking placard bearing the international symbol of access.
- II. Designated picnic sites for people with disabilities. NRS do not address these facilities, therefore, the following procedures will apply:
 - A. Designated picnic sites for people with disabilities are designed and generally held open for use by visitors with disabilities. At such time when all other picnic sites are occupied, the use of designated sites for people with disabilities by non-disabled visitors may occur.

- B. The sites designated for a person with disabilities will be signed with the international symbol of access and if necessary, further signed as "last to fill" or other informational signing.
 - C. The designated sites for people with disabilities may be used by non-disabled picnickers only if all other similar facilities are occupied.
- III. Designated campsites for people with disabilities. NRS do not address these facilities, therefore, the following procedures will apply:
- A. Designated campsites for people with disabilities are designed and generally held open for use by disabled visitors. At such time when all other campsites are occupied, the use of designated campsites for people with disabilities by non-disabled visitors may occur.
 - B. The designated campsite for people with disabilities will be signed with the international symbol of access and if necessary, further signed as "last to fill" or other informational signing.
 - C. Designated campsites for people with disabilities may be used by non-disabled campers only if all other similar facilities are occupied. At such time when a campsite not designated for people with disabilities becomes available, the non-disabled occupants should be encouraged to move to a non-designated site.
- IV. Restrooms Designed for people with disabilities.
- A. Facilities for people with disabilities will be signed with the international symbol of access.
 - B. Although designed for accessibility, they may be used by all visitors.

RULES:

- I. If a non-disabled user occupies a designated handicapped campsite, the park supervisor or designee will inform the user that they must vacate the site if non-handicapped sites are available.
- II. Picnic or campground sites designated as "Handicapped" will be allowed for use by non-disabled visitors only after all other similar facilities are occupied.

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